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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF MAKARIOS' SUCCESSOR

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FCO TELEGRAM WHICH BRITISH HIGH COMMIS-
SION, NICOSIA, HAS PASSED TO US ON CYPRUS RECOGNITION ISSUE:
"SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED IF HMG HAD RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION FROM
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MR. DENKTASH OR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SAYING THEY WERE OPPOSED
TO BRITAIN RECOGNISING THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS AS PRESIDENT
OF THE WHOLE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. HE REPLIED THAT LAST WEEK MR.
DENKTASH HAD SPOKEN TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CYPRUS,
MR. DONALD GORDON, AND EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS BUT THE BRITISH GOVERN-
MENT HAD NOT RECEIVED A FORMAL COMMUNICATION. MR. GORDON HAD
EXPLAINED TO MR. DENKTASH BRITAIN'S VIEW WHICH WAS THAT HMG

WOULD RECOGNISE A PRESIDENT ELECTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE
1960 CONSTITUTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE WHOLE REPUBLIC.

"SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT BRITAIN RECOGNISED THE 1960
AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE 1960 CONSTITUTION. AT THE
SAME TIME HIG HAD REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR THAT IT WAS WELL
AWARE THAT THERE WERE TWO DISTINCT COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS
EACH ENTITLED TO HAVE ITS LEGITIMATE INTERESTS RESPECTED.
HE ADDED UNATTRIBUTABLY THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
SYMPATHISED WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS' DESIRE FOR
ACCEPTANCE OF A LEGITIMATE STATUS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY
AND HOPED THAT THEY WOULD NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT WITH
THE GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS TO BRING
THIS ABOUT. THE LATE PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AND MR. DENKTASH
HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON FOUR POINTS FOR A FUTURE CONSTI-
TUTION, THE FIRST BEING THAT THEY WOULD WORK TOWARDS AN
INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED, BICOMMUNAL, FEDERAL REPUBLIC.
END UNATTRIBUTABLE."

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT UNATTRIBUTABLE PORTION OF
BRITISH SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES COULD HELP
TO MODERATE STRONG TRUKISH CYPRIOT POSITION ON
RECOGNITION OF MAKARIOS SUCCESSOR. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT
CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A SIMILAR STATEMENT ON
IF-ASKED BASIS FOR POSSIBLE USE IF THIS ISSUE IS RAISED
WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE SPOKESMAN IN NEAR FUTURE.
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